

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of the present amendment which conforms the claims to U.S. practice and reduces multiple dependencies. No new matter is introduced by this Amendment as antecedent support is set forth in the original specification and in the original claims.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Attorneys at the below-listed telephone number regarding this Preliminary Amendment or otherwise regarding the present application.

If there are any other charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE:**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 3 is amended as follows:

3. (Amended/Marked Up) A surge absorber of [either] claim 1[ or 2], wherein a plurality of slits are provided at said flange section of the surface mounting cap.

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